

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.2 million during the week ending May 13, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2005, up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

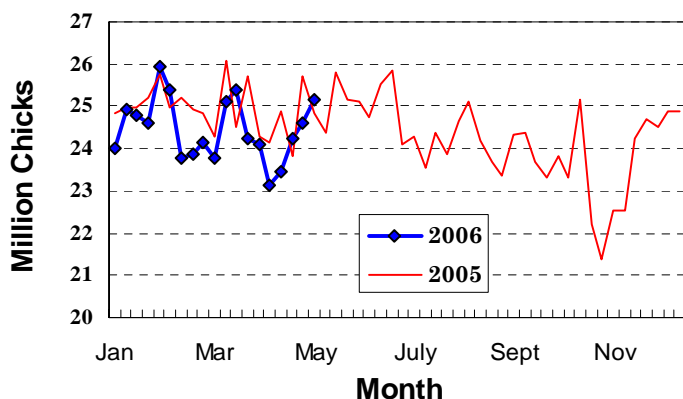
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 13, 2006, down 4 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Apr. 8	24,283	24,090	99	25,729	25,456	99	31,243	30,647	98
Apr. 15	24,164	23,110	96	25,404	24,784	98	31,112	30,536	98
Apr. 22	24,895	23,469	94	25,520	24,897	98	31,305	30,234	97
Apr. 29	23,835	24,234	102	26,054	25,574	98	30,937	29,461	95
May 6	25,712	24,595	96	26,143	25,517	98	31,600	30,270	96
May 13	24,820	25,172	101	26,246	25,199	96	31,273	30,036	96

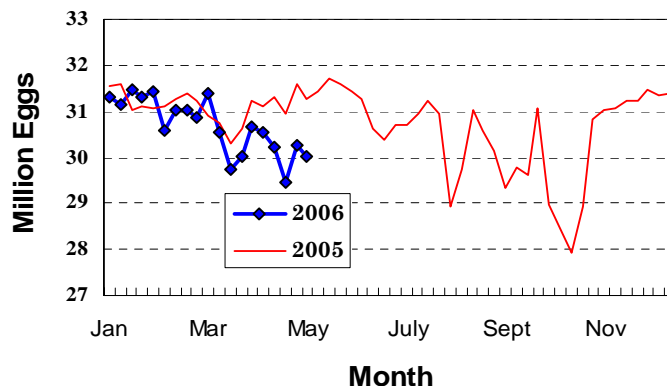
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2005-2006



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2005 - 2006



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, April 15 - May 13, 2006

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending							Week Ending						
	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	6-May	13-May	% 1/		15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	6-May	13-May	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	31,187	30,175	31,584	31,087 *	31,471	100		21,403	20,806	21,350	21,507 *	20,897	98	
Arkansas	30,536	30,234	29,461	30,270	30,039	96		23,110	23,469	24,234	24,595	25,172	101	
Delaware	3,466	3,726	3,580	3,586 *	3,542	87		4,918	4,740	4,996	5,137 *	5,940	92	
Florida	1,374	1,384 *	1,364	1,361	1,378	103		1,531	1,494	1,619	1,435	1,324	90	
Georgia	35,257	34,747	34,425	34,530 *	34,709	103		27,863	29,045	28,888	28,916 *	28,312	100	
Kentucky	7,377	7,082	7,227	7,275	7,214	100		6,291 *	6,387	6,249	6,328	5,990	106	
Louisiana	4,136	4,000	3,970	3,874	3,923	96		3,811	4,139	3,914	4,035	3,782	88	
Maryland	8,844	8,824	8,859	8,842 *	8,876	99		5,347	5,901	5,670	5,201 *	4,484	93	
Mississippi	18,113	18,172	17,788	18,408	18,385	98		16,394	16,394	16,413	16,100	15,743	93	
N. Carolina	18,636	18,638 *	18,744	18,426 *	18,994	103		14,787	15,272	15,098	14,787 *	15,193	100	
Oklahoma	6,771	6,603	6,648	6,395 *	6,104	92		5,683	4,877	5,143	4,862	4,087	75	
Pennsylvania	4,351	4,022	3,785 *	4,094 *	4,202	102		2,690	2,891	3,023 *	2,981 *	3,052	100	
S. Carolina	4,959	5,205	5,395	5,298	5,336	103		4,582	4,286	4,703	5,118	5,080	116	
Texas	15,044	14,969	13,428	14,952	14,842	96		11,458	12,810	12,872	12,795	12,778	97	
Virginia	6,553	6,443	6,501	6,460 *	6,472	98		5,463 *	5,375	5,123	5,140 *	5,112	95	
C.A.M.O.T.N.&W.V.	18,269	18,057	17,114	16,685 *	18,023	100		16,619	16,835	17,480	17,213 *	17,224	97	
19 State Total	214,873	212,281 *	209,873 *	211,543 *	213,510			171,950 *	174,721	176,775 *	176,150 *	174,170		
Prev. Year Total	215,452	215,123	214,687	215,071	215,969			176,765	175,439	180,017	179,021	178,354		
% of Prev. Year	100	99	98	98	99			97	100	98	98	98		
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/								3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	24-Jun	1-Jul		

* Revised in current week. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year. 2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 13, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 13, 2006 were 3.32 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.